

The War Tapes

Make specific connections between situations faced by Paul and his comrades and these men serving in Iraq with the New Hampshire National Guard.

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The Veteran Interview

As an individual or in a pair, contact a living combat veteran about his/her service experiences – family member, neighbor, coworker, teacher, or attendee at Veteran’s Day breakfast at CHRHS 11/12. Set up a date for interview and ask what war they fought in, where they served, when.

- Plan for 30 minutes in a quiet environment. You will need time to build trust.
- Conduct background research so you know context.
- In a pair, one takes notes while the other asks encourages conversation. If alone, take minimal notes during the interview but extensive notes after to record important ideas.
- Use the following suggested questions as a starting place. Start with less personal questions as you build a connection, then move into more probing questions as trust builds. Ask follow-up questions to explore interesting directions. Be aware that your interviewee may be talking about difficult memories; allow for silences to process these memories. End your interview with lighter talk, not intense personal memories.

When did you serve as a soldier? Where were you stationed?

What sorts of jobs were you responsible for?

What particular situations stand out in your memory from your time in service?

Did you find that serving in the war helped **form strong bonds** with other soldiers? Can you provide a specific example?

Did you find that you ever questioned the things you were asked to do or felt **betrayed** by your commanding officers during your service?

Did you find that **war dehumanizes** those that fight in it? Did you have to have a different mindset in order to survive? Was it difficult to return to 'normal' life?

Are there ways in which you directly benefited from the experience? How did military service change your life for the better?

Are there ways in which you were **harmed emotionally** by the experience? How have you dealt with this?

Is there anything else that is important for me to know?

Thank you for your time and your service to our country.

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